

SNOWSTORM STOPS WYCOMBE CUP FINAL!

Oxford Match Abandoned

AFTER 45 minutes of exciting soccer played in a continuous snowstorm the referee abandoned the final of the Smith Memorial Trophy competition at Oxford on Wednesday, when Wycombe Wanderers and Oxford City were level 1-1.

The referee made his decision at half-time after inspecting the pitch and finding that the touch-lines were invisible.

But up to half-time, writes "Nova," these freak conditions had not in any way dampened the fire of the game. Both sides played extremely good football.

Oxford, fielding four ex-Wanderers — Dennis Syrett, Mick Brown, Barry Darvill and Jimmy Truett—used the through ball to great advantage, often catching big John Fisher off balance, but good covering by Alistair Lewis and John Beck and some fine saves by Ken Brown kept them at bay.

Wycombe's chances, mostly created by the left-wing trio of Charlie Gale, Tony Horseman and George Pullin, were baulked by fine saves by Syrett and some bad misses by Ivor Ashby and Peter James.

FIRST BLOOD

In the fifth minute Wycombe went ahead when a square pass from Len Womley was taken by Tony Horseman, who jinked his way past a couple of men before rocketing in a shot over the hands of Syrett.

'Oxford equalised inside 17

minutes, when a through ball left Fisher stranded and centre-forward Foster withstood a tackle from Lewis to stroke the ball past Brown.

George Pullin showed up well in his second senior game at inside-forward, putting in some vicious shots and linking up well with live-wire Horseman.

Ivor Ashby also played well, while Peter James banged away in his usual enthusiastic fashion.